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The Editor

Sir,

Many people of all persuasions, nationalities and religions are tormented by the situation of the ordinary people in Iraq.

Many innocents - babies, children and old people especially - the most vulnerable of any population, have died as a result of the after effects of the war, the lack of adequate food, medicines and infrastructure to purify water, sanitation, etc. Figures are not easy to come by but all the aid organisations which have visited Iraq post-war testify to tragic suffering throughout the country on a horrendous scale. Surely, from a humanitarian view alone, it is a crime to allow this situation to continue nearly one and a half years after the cessation of hostilities.

Now that Iraq is complying with the UN resolutions passed concerning the Gulf war, may I appeal through your columns that sanctions be lifted in order to alleviate the situation the innocent people of Iraq find themselves in. Both the American and the British governments reiterate that they have no quarrel with the Iraqi people only with the regime, yet who is suffering ?

Yours faithfully,

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